

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. (US Pat. No. 6,326,874) in view of Motomura (US 6,384,704).

Claims 11, 12 and 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. in view of Motomura as applied in claim 10 above and further in view of Kawano et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,736,917).

Claims 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. in view of Motomura and further in view of Kawano et al. as applied in claims 12 and 14 above and further in view of Takebuchi (JP 10135042).

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Withdrawn claims 1-9, 18, and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file these claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, claims 10-17 are pending for consideration.

All Claims Comply With 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. in view of Motomura. Claims 11, 12, 14-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. in view of Motomura as applied in claim 10 above and further in view of Kawano et al. Claims 13 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Banzi, Jr. et al. in view of Motomura and further in view of Kawano et al. as applied in claims 12 and 14 above and further in view of

Takebuchi. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Pending claims 10-17 stand rejected over a combination of at least Banzi, Jr. et al. and Motomura, a newly cited reference. Applicants note that Motomura is a U.S. patent with a filing date of September 13, 2001. The present application claims the priority of patent application number 2001-0017099 filed in Korea on March 31, 2001, a certified copy of which was filed on March 5, 2002. A verified English translation of the priority document is filed concurrently herewith to perfect the claim for priority. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Motomura is no longer applicable as prior art. Moreover, the remaining references Kawano et al. and Takebuchi do not cure the deficiencies of Banzi, Jr. et al. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 10-17 be withdrawn.

As the rejections in the final Office Action cannot stand without Motomura, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims 10-17 are now in the condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 10-17. If a new Office Action is to be issued, Applicants submit that the next Office Action should be made non-final.

CONCLUSION

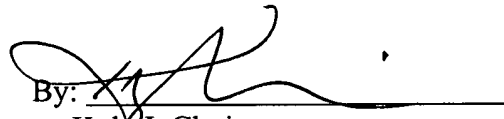
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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